

protein comprises SEQ ID NO: 3.

<sup>19</sup>  
21. The method according to claim <sup>16</sup>18 wherein the probe is an antibody.

<sup>20</sup>  
22. The method according to claim <sup>19</sup>21 wherein the antibody specifically binds to the protein.

<sup>21</sup>  
23. The method according to claim <sup>13</sup>23 wherein the cancer is breast or prostate cancer.

<sup>22</sup>  
24. The method according to claim <sup>13</sup>24 wherein the N-terminal amino acid sequence of the protein comprises SEQ ID NO: 3.

<sup>23</sup>  
25. The method according to claim <sup>15</sup>25 wherein the protein is isolated from the tear sample.

<sup>24</sup>  
26. The method according to claim <sup>23</sup>26 further comprising sequencing the N-terminal amino acids of the isolated protein.

<sup>25</sup>  
27. The method according to claim <sup>24</sup>27 wherein the N-terminal amino acid sequence of the protein comprises SEQ ID NO: 3.

<sup>26</sup>  
28. A protein isolated by the method of claim <sup>24</sup>28.

<sup>27</sup>  
29. A protein isolated from tears and having a molecular weight of about 10 kiloDaltons, a pI of about 5.1 and an N-terminal amino acid sequence comprising SEQ ID NO: 3.